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RESERVE FUND.....\$2,500,000.  
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HONGKONG.  
INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent per annum on the daily balance.  
For Fixed Deposits—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
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LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
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T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, August 25, 1883.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

WE HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED a BRANCH of our Firm in TAIWAN, Formosa. Mr. WILFRID CHRISTY is authorised to sign on our behalf for Procurement.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1884.

### Intimations.

#### NOTICE.

H. CAMPBELL, late of Foochow, has the honour to inform the Gentry and Public of Hongkong that he has OPENED A FIRST-CLASS HAIRDRESSING SALOON IN BANK BUILDINGS, opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL. Mr. CAMPBELL'S Assistants, MESSRS. DUTTON and ORO, are thoroughly experienced in their business, the former being from one of the leading San Francisco Establishments, while the latter was for many years connected with Mr. W. P. MOORE'S Establishment in Hongkong. Mr. CAMPBELL hopes, by strict attention to the wants of the Public, to merit a share of their Patronage.

Hongkong, January 24, 1884.

### LLOYD'S REGISTER OF BRITISH AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

ENGINEER SURVEYORSHIP AT HONGKONG.

THE Committee of Lloyd's Register of British and Foreign Shipping being desirous to appoint a SURVEYOR at the port of Hongkong, for the purpose of holding Surveys on the Engines and Boilers of Steamers.

Notice is hereby given, that applications from persons wishing to become Candidates will be received by the Surveyor, to be accompanied by testimonials as to the applicants' personal character and professional fitness for the office, will be considered, if forwarded to E. BURKE, Esq., Surveyor to Lloyd's Register, Hongkong, in time for transmission to the Secretary on or before the 1st March, 1884.

It is necessary that every candidate should make his application in his own handwriting, and also that he should state his age, and describe the experience he has had and the occupations in which he is at present engaged. Applicants should also set forth whether they have had any experience in respect to the surveying of Wood and Iron Ships, and, if so, to what extent.

The Surveyor will not be required to be exclusively the servant of the Society, and his remuneration will depend upon the fees he receives for surveys.

Further Particulars as to Remuneration, &c., may be obtained on enquiry at the Office of the Surveyor, as above.

By Order of the Committee,  
B. WAYMOUTH,  
Secretary.

2, White Lion Court,  
Cornhill, E.C.

### Intimations.

#### HONGKONG FLOWER SHOW.

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION will be held in the BOTANIC GARDENS on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 14th and 15th February, 1884.

All Exhibits must be entered not later than the 13th instant; and PLANTS in Pots should be sent early on the 13th instant.

ADMISSION.—First Day, 8d; Second Day, 20 Cents.

Tickets for the First Day may be obtained from MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Schedules of Prices can be obtained from CHARLES FORD,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 1, 1884.

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### For Sale.

#### THE PATENT.

#### "FILTRE RAPIDE"

##### REMOVES ALL

ORGANIC and INORGANIC IMPURITIES, LEAD, COPPER, and POISONOUS GASES.

##### IT ERATES THE WATER.

It can be taken to pieces and cleaned in every part.

##### IT HAS BEEN AWARDED

Special Medal of Merit by the Sanitary Institute of Great Britain;

Silver Medal National Water Supply Exhibition, London;

Two Silver Medals International Food Exhibition, London;

Two Certificates of Merit by Sanitary Institute, Exeter;

Certificate of Merit International Medical and

Sanitary Exhibition, Kensington;

Silver Medal Health Congress and Scientific Exhibition, Brighton.

##### LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 30, 1884.

### For Sale.

#### FOR SALE CHEAP.

FIVE Hundred to Six Hundred Tons COKE and COAL TAR, in lots to suit, from one ton upwards.

CHOY CHEW,

230, Praya West,

Hongkong, June 18, 1883.

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NOW ON SALE.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT,

BY DR. E. J. EITEL

CROWN OCTAVO, PT. 1018.

HONGKONG, 1877-1883.

Part I. A-K. \$2.50

Part II. K-M. \$2.50

Part III. M-T. \$3.00

Part IV. T-Y. \$3.00

A Reduction of ten per cent. will be allowed to purchasers of Ten or more copies.

This Standard Work on the Chinese Language, constructed on the basis of Kanghi's Imperial Dictionary, contains all Chinese characters in practical use, and while alphabetically arranged according to the sounds of the oldest dialect of China, the Cantonese, it gives also the Mandarin pronunciation of all characters explained in the book, so that its usefulness is by no means confined to the Cantonese Dialect, but the work is a practically complete Thesaurus of the whole Written Language of China, ancient and modern, as used all over the Empire, whilst its introductory chapters serve the purposes of a philological guide to the student.

A Supplement, arranged for being bound and used by itself, and containing a List of the Radicals, an Index, and a List of Surnames, will be published and sold separately.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 15, 1883.

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PUBLICATIONS BY J. DYER BALL.

"CANTONESE MADE EASY"—A Book of SIMPLE SENTENCES in the CANTONESE COLLOQUIAL with Free and Literal Translations; and Directions for Rendering English Grammatical Forms into Chinese and vice versa.—Price, \$2. Interleaved Copies, \$2.50.

"We most cordially recommend it."—*China Review*. "Will be found to supply a want long felt by students of Cantonese."—*Duty Press*. "Mr. BALL's Notes on Classification and Grammar will be found very valuable."—*China Mail*.

A. MOIVER, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, February 1, 1884.

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FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND and TASMANIAN PORTS, NEW CALEDONIA and FIJI.)

The Steamship "Eurydice."

Captain PEPPER, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 8th February, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, January 17, 1884.

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STEAM TO BOMBAY VIA STRAITS.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship "Lotos."

will leave for the above places on SATURDAY, 9th February, at 2 p.m.

A. MOIVER, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, February 1, 1884.

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FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through to NEW ZEALAND, NEW CALDONIA, TASMANIA and FIJI.)

The Eastern and Australian Steamship "Lotos."

Captain S.G. GREEN, will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 12th February.

Parcels (all of which must be sent to our Office) will be received up to 4 p.m. on the 11th February.

Contents and value of the Packages must be declared.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, January 17, 1884.

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For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, January 20, 1884.

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FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for CHIEFOO, TIEN-SIN, NEW-CIHWANG, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSZE.)

The Steamship "Woolstone."

Captain MACKINLAY, will be despatched as above on or about the 13th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 5, 1884.

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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through to NEW ZEALAND.)

The Steamship "Woolstone."

Captain HUNT, will be despatched as above on

THURSDAY, the 14th February, at 4 p.m.

This Vessel has unusually good Cabin Accommodation, situated amidships, upon the upper deck.

## For Sale.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.**  
No. 63, Queen's Road East,  
(OPPOSITE THE COMMERCIAL),  
ARE NOW LANDING  
FROM AMERICA

**C RACKER COMPANY'S BISCUITS** in 5 lb.  
tins, and loose.  
Soda BISCUITS.  
Assorted BISCUITS.

Small HOMINY.

Cracked WHEAT.

OATMEAL.

CORNMEAL.

TOPPOCAN BUTTER.  
Apple BUTTER.  
Eastern and Californian CHEESE.  
CODFISH, Boned.  
Prime HAMS and BACON.  
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.  
Family BEEF in 25 lb. kegs.  
Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb. cans.  
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 25 lb. cans.  
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.  
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS:  
Assorted SOUPS.  
Richardson's & Rossin's Celebrated Potted MEATS.

Lunch HAM.  
Lamb's TONGUES.  
Clam CHOWDER.  
Fresh OREGON SALMON.  
Dried APPLES.  
TOMATOES.  
SUCOTASH.  
MILK SYRUP.  
Golden SYRUP.  
LOBSTERS.  
OYSTERS.  
HONEY.  
Assorted JELLIES.  
Green CORN.

## FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

400 lb. Capacity.  
600 lb.  
900 lb.  
1,200 lb.

CORN BROOMS.  
OFFICE HIGH CHAIRS.

AXES AND HATCHETS.

AGATE IRON WARE.

WAFFLE IRONS.

SMOOTHING IRONS.

PAINTS AND OILS.

TALLOW AND TAR.

VARNISHES.

**DEVOE'S NONPARIEL**  
BRILLIANT  
KEROSENE OIL,  
150° test.

Ex late Arrivals from  
ENGLAND.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF  
S T O R E S,  
including:  
CHRISTMAS CAKES.  
PLUM PUDDINGS.  
MINCEMEAT.  
ALMONDS and RAISINS.

Crystallized FRUITS.  
TYSON'S DESSERT FRUITS.  
Padding RAISINS.  
Lante CURRANTS.

NEW YORK HAMS.  
PIONIO TONGUES.  
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.  
SAVORY PATES.

FRENCH PLUMS.  
BROWN.  
INFANT'S FOOD.  
CORN FLOUR.

**SPARTAN**  
COOKING STOVES.

BITCHOCHE HOUSE LAMP.  
PERFECTION STUDENT LAMP.

CLARET—  
CHATEAU MARGAUX.  
CHATEAU LA TOUE, pints & quarts.

1868 GRAVES.

BREAKFAST CLARET.

SHERRIES & PORT—  
SAUCONY'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SAUCONY'S OLD INVALID POET

(1848).

HONY'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.

1 and 2-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

BUSSON DUBONNET & Co.'s BRANDY.

KEEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENLEE WHISKY.

BOOD'S OLD TOM.

E & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.

ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.

NOLAY PRAT & Co.'s VERMOUTH.

CRABBE'S GINGER BRANDY.

EASTERN CIDER.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CURACAO.

ANGOSTURA, BAKER'S and ORANGE

BUTTERS.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and

BAUNDES, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &

J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

DRAGHTON'S ALE and PORTER, by the

Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

C I G A R E S.

Fine New Season's OUMSHAW TEA, in

5 oz. Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOV, 25 cents p. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF

SAFES, CASE and PAPER

BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, December 1, 1883.

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## Notices to Consignees.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Leander* having arrived  
from the above Ports, Consignees of  
Cargo are hereby requested to send in  
their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned  
for countersignature, and to take immediate  
delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be  
at once landed and stored at Consignees'  
risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 2, 1884. 203

## UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Hawke*, Captain GRAN-  
BY, having arrived from the above  
Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
requested to send in their Bills of Lading to  
the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate  
delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be  
at once landed and stored at Consignees'  
risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

Optional cargo will be forwarded on to  
YOKOHAMA, unless notice to the contrary be  
given before Noon To-morrow, 2nd Feb.

All claims against the Steamer must be  
presented to the Undersigned on or before  
the 8th Inst., or they will not be recognised.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, February 1, 1884. 201

FROM GLASGOW, LONDON, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Geoffulock*, having arrived  
from the above Ports, Consignees of  
Cargo are hereby informed that their  
Cargo are with the exception of Opium—are  
being landed at their risk into the Godowns  
of the Undersigned, whence and/or from  
the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before  
Noon To-day, the 4th February.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the  
11th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.,  
Hongkong, February 4, 1884. 208

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
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FROM CALCUTTA,

## THE CHINA MAIL.

H. M. S. *Flying Fish* is to proceed to Swatow on Saturday next, but previous to leaving she will be inspected by Admiral Willes.

By kind permission of Admiral G. O. Willes, the Island of H.M.S. *Audacious* will play a selection of Music on the Cricket Ground to-morrow (Friday), commencing at 4 p.m.

We hear that the hull of the German barque *Betty Wendt* was fully insured and also the cargo. A large black dog, which was in the vessel, awfully scared and added one more to the number saved.

It is noticed in our advertising columns this evening that the Military Authorities are about to lay a mine field on the Hong-kong side of the Liye Mun Pass for the purpose of making experiments. We would refer shipmasters to the advertisement for instructions regarding the navigation of the Pass during the operations.

A CHINAMAN named Ah Ping has been fined £10 by the Oceanam (N. S. Wales) bench for barbarous cruelty to his child, whom he suspended by his thumbs from the verandah. The defendant swore it was a mode of punishment which prevailed in China.

This extravagance of the rich in this country has subjected them to a good deal of reproach—often deserved. But the eulogists of Republican simplicity, who seem to fancy that extravagance is the special vice of nations possessing a king or queen, will, it may be hoped, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the account of the ball given by Mr. Vanderbilt the other day in New York. As everybody is aware, Mr. Vanderbilt is an American millionaire. He may have made his money honestly, but, having made it, he spends it lavishly—on himself. At the ball in question, which Mr. Vanderbilt elegantly said would be "a snorter," and the reporters over surpassed anything ever done in that line "by the Queen of England or the Prince of Wales, whether in Buckingham Palace or at Marlborough House," Mrs. W. H. Vanderbilt wore a worth costume valued at 2,000 dollars. The house was turned into a vegetable rose garden. All the florists bought and forced roses for the occasion. It is estimated that the final decoration cost 20,000 dollars. The best *clafs* in the city worked for two weeks concocting the dishes for the supper. Upwards of two hundred waiters served. The rarest wines flowed as freely as water. Each napkin used cost five dollars. The cost of the supper is said to have been 60,000 dollars. We will not say, but we did not think this money given to the poor. I will do so, that such entertainments are happily imposed in England. Poor may be very refined persons, but they do not descend to the intolerable ostentation and execrable vulgar sordidry of plutocrats.—*Figure*.

A CORRESPONDENT, in writing of a cremation witnessed at Gottha, Italy, by means of the Siemens apparatus, thus describes it, and says this is the regular form through which all bodies pass from the flesh to the dust or ashes from whence they came. He says:

"The body is borne into the chapel and placed in a catafalque which stands in front of the altar. The casket of the chapel floor upon which the body rests constitutes the floor of a lift or elevator. As the funeral service proceeds the elevator is visibly and noiselessly descends, bearing the body to the basement directly in front of the incinerator, which, by means of superheated air, has been raised to a temperature of about one thousand five hundred degrees Fahrenheit. As the door of the incinerator is opened to receive the body the incinerating cold air cools it to a delicate rose tint; and the body resting on a metallic bed, covered with a cloth of asbestos, passes over rollers into this bath of rosy light. Immediately it becomes incandescent, in which condition it remains until incineration is complete. This requires an hour per hundred pounds of the original weight. There remain only a few handfuls of pure pearl ashes, equivalent to about four per cent. of the original. These are dropped by means of a lever into the ash chamber below, cotta, marble, alabaster or other suitable material, and retained by means of the elevator to the catafalque. The service or ceremony being now over, the friends of the deceased find the ashes just where they had last seen the body of the departed, and may bear them thence as they choose. No fuel or flame of foreign substance comes in contact with the body. The process is accompanied with no perceptible sound or smell or smoke—absolutely nothing that can offend the sensibilities of the most fastidious. All the smoke and volatile products of combustion are passed through a regenerator furnace before being turned loose into the air, and are absolutely purified. The process is indeed, in every way, so decorous and beautiful as compared with other methods of disposing of the dead, that it is described by those who have witnessed it as "fascinating," and scarcely an instance is known of any one having witnessed the process, as thus conducted, who has not at once become a pronounced convert to cremation, whatever may have been his pre-existing prejudice.—*Figure*.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

The new way of making quotation marks is, I see, gaining favour gradually; and I intend to adopt it myself. Instead of using two marks thus "you use only one, but when you get a quotation within a quotation you use two. This is the exact reverse of the old system. The new way is at least the more logical, since a single quotation is shown by one mark, while a double quotation is denoted by two marks.

Two Frenchmen were charged before the Police Magistrate at Liverpool with having been about to commit a breach of the peace by fighting a duel. One of them, who gave the name of Martin, had in his possession, when apprehended, a knuckleduster and two fencing foils, the latter having their buttons taken off and their points sharpened.

The knuckleduster, we are further told, contained a knife which was ingeniously fixed in the centre of the weapon and was opened by means of a spring. Martin said this weapon was handy when he was travelling through China and other countries.

Quite so, but we have not heard anything of Mr. Martin as a traveller through China, and if he is coming out to this influential part of the world, it is as well as he could be known in his possession of such an excellent protector.

One or two complaints have been made about the wholesale street gambling that has been going on during the Chinese New Year festivities in one or two of the quieter streets not a mile from your office. All the numerous gambling material, such as dominoes, dice, &c. have been spread out in open day without let or hindrance. Where are the police? Does the Chinese *taikou* obtain the universal feeling amongst the Chinese that gambling at New Year's time is the proper thing and consequently look on?

How amusing the idea that some of these native "green coats" take on themselves! They strut about as if they were the only lords of creation in existence, and the vulgar herd were immeasurably beneath their exalted position.

They are often a law unto themselves, and carry out the provisions of some ordinance enacted in their own brains on the spur of the moment to meet the exigencies of some particular case.

A little crowd of boys and lads having a quiet gamble on the *Praya*, will be "spotted" by one of these minnows of the law, downed upon, and save him from the trouble of hauling such small fry before the Magistrate, the constable, self-appointed law-maker, and self-appointed judge, all in one, proceeds to confiscate the few cash, lying on the ground as stakes, by scattering them with a majestic sweep of his arm into the harbour.

What a lot of firing the advent of the two foreign men-of-war—one Russian and the other French—produced the other day—there were no fewer than twenty distinct salutes, what with those to the port, English and French admirals, &c., &c., and the return salutes. I noticed quite a crowd of Chinese standing on one of the wharves evidently wondering what it was all about. The Chinese, I think, are far more sensible in the way of salutes amongst themselves than we are—three guns, I believe, form the utmost limit for anyone.

The harbour looks quite warlike with such an array of men-of-war as we have now of all shapes and sizes, from the small gunboat, that reminds me of a little "midshipmite," sharp, active and brisk, up to the ponderous bulk of an obsolete type, which makes me think of some old admiral retired from active service, a relic of a former generation; and not a few different flags float on the breeze with the Union Jack, the tricolour, the Russian St. Andrew's cross, the German ensign and Italian national colours, besides occasionally a Hongkong "blockader" flying the dragon flag from her peak. And there are still more men-of-war coming to keep the peace and protect foreigners and their interests while the French and Chinese are fighting it out.

The Times has a short paragraph containing some interesting particulars about the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs. What a little régiment Sir Robert Hart has under his command!—687 European, and still more Chinese employés, including of course out-door and in-door staff and lighthouse departments, &c. All the principal European nations are represented in this picked body of men—all under the rule of the I.G.

Speaking of flags naturally leads us to coats of arms, and from coats of arms it is an easy transition to this new idea of the Royal Arms being too sacred to be used by common and vulgar uses without due authority given and obtained. Imagine the Times without the lion and the unicorn fighting for the crown, and the rose, thistle and shamrock, brought into impossible conjunction with these two beasts as depicted on its firm page; but hints are thrown out that such insignia of royalty are, as at present advised, as the lawyers put it, out of date, as the lawyers put it, out of keeping with such a common thing as a newspaper!!!

Well! times change and the Times must change with them, and if the change takes place it is not the first time that the Times has changed. Surely though, with the royal arms expunged, there is no knowing what to expect lengths of rabid radicalism the English "leader of opinion" may go, such a safeguard to conservatism being gone.

Seriously though, it appears that the new law concerning patents is likely, unless some remedial measures are taken, to prove of great hardship to certain hardware manufacturers such as lock manufacturers and others, who have accumulated large stocks of goods marked "patent" or "registered," bearing the royal arms, although the goods have not been patented. To us these marks without authority will be an offence. And not only are such manufacturers concerned but the clause as to not using the royal arms will give rise to some difficulty.

The notice calling the meeting having been read,

the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, I have little to add to the report, which, having been in your hands for some days, I propose be taken as read. Some explanation may, however, be required of the items for loss on charters of the steamships

under such regulations as it will apply to all trades, businesses, callings or professions, and it may be to existing newspapers.

Under such regulations the royal arms will soon become nearly as sacred as the imperial yellow of the "Son of Heaven." Just fancy what a want there will be in decorations or illuminations on the arrival of a prince, without the "gules, three lions passant guardant in pale" and all the rest of it, glazed over every shop door and front! It will be a sad thing, if it turns out that Her Majesty's most loyal subjects are acting in contravention of the laws in thus showing their loyalty.

I am glad to see that the interest in boating is being kept up this year. It is a pity that one of the most healthful and exhilarating exercises should be allowed to fall into abeyance between regattas.

The race on Saturday last, as you say, had some rather amusing features in it, due to some rather unusual features in it, due to outbreaks of cholera, repeated typhoons and earthquakes, business had become utterly demoralized, and at one time was practically at a standstill. The effects have naturally been felt there long after, and it is only now, I may say, that earnings from there are beginning to compare with former years. Taking all this into consideration, and bearing in mind the time lost by the *Amazons* and *Anatolia*, altogether about six months, I think we have every reason to look forward with confidence to the future of the Company. Any questions that may be asked I shall be happy to answer.

On the motion of the Chairmen, seconded by Mr. Sasseon, the report was passed and the report adopted.

Mr. Toms proposed that the gentlemen forming the Consulting Committee, Messrs. H. F. Forbes, L. Dalrymple, F. D. Sasseon and Luk Sau Theen be re-elected.

Mr. Ng Chow Fong seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Dalrymple, seconded by Mr. Sasseon, the appointment of

Messrs. Geo. R. Johnston and T. Arnold as Auditors by the Consulting Committee was confirmed.

The Chairman:—Gentlemen, this finishes the business of the meeting. I hope at the next meeting we may be able to show a better result.

The following is the report:—

The General Managers beg to lay before the shareholders the annexed statement of accounts of the Company made up to 31 December, 1883. After paying all running expenses, premium of insurance, remuneration of Consulting Committee, and dividends for that year remaining a balance at debit of profit and loss account of £5,832.05, which it is recommended be carried forward to new account.

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